

DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 5-14 and 27 are allowed.
2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Claims 5-7 and 9-14 recite among other features thin display devices further include a decision unit for comparing the page information and the page position information of the image data received by the communication unit with each other to decide whether or not the page information and the page position information coincide with each other, an updating unit for updating the page position information after the decision made by the decision unit, and a sending unit for sending the image data, to which the page information and the page position information updated by the updating unit have been added, to the thin display device of the subsequent page or the holding stand.

The examiner was unable to find a reference or combination of references that teach the above limitation. However, Someya discloses having an image signal generating unit that embeds an image signal index that designates which display is to display the image signal.

Claim 8 recites among other features when write designation is performed, writing image data expressing an image which has already been written in the plurality of thin display devices in thin display devices respectively located one surface behind thin display devices in which the image data is already written without physically moving

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the thin display devices and writing the latest image data designated to be written in a thin display device located at a frontmost surface of the plurality of thin display devices.

The examiner was unable to find a reference or combination of references that teach the above limitation.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Michael Pervan whose telephone number is (571) 272-0910. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday between 8am - 5pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Amr Awad can be reached on (571) 272-7764. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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